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Wade House, ruin  
Bryantown vicinity  
Private

c. 1760

This small, unassuming frame house, which collapsed during a severe windstorm in 1976, was one of the most important early Charles County houses.

The Wade House was built in two sections, the earliest part probably dating from the third quarter of the 18th century. Until its destruction it retained many original features, including a three-room plan (one large front, two small rear rooms, and a single attic chamber), molded two-piece chairrails, beaded ceiling joists, and batten doors with unusually large T-hinges. In the early 19th century the house was extended by an addition of two rooms and attic on the south end. This gave the house a plan consisting of two large front rooms on the east side, three small rooms across the west side, and three attic chambers. Single exterior chimneys at the ends of the house were removed in the mid-20th century.